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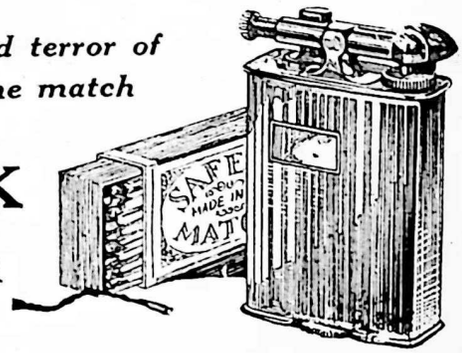
The banished terror of three on one match

CLARK LIGHTER



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WAR RISK INSURANCE

Judge Frederick H. Chamberlain of Worcester has handed down a decision which will be of interest to the parents of men killed in the war. According to this decision, should the beneficiary die while still receiving monthly payments from the government, the entire remaining value of the policy shall be paid in one sum to the estate.

THE VERDUN MEDALS AGAIN

In reply to the query of ARTHUR S. WALDRON (M) (C Co., 101st Engrs.) and all others interested in obtaining a medal of the City of Verdun, but who were not informed early enough to send the copy of their discharges with the Legion delegation, we wish to say that no medals have been received as yet by any member of the Yankee Division, to our knowledge. Those who made application and sent their discharges across in the care of some Legionnaire have the assurance that the medals will be forthcoming. When they arrive, inquiries will be set on foot to determine the possibility of obtaining additional ones. Until that time the officers of the Y. D. V. A. and the YD Club are as much at a loss as to the proper procedure as anyone else.

CHRISTMAS EVE, 1917

Beneath the white December moon
  Glistening lay the snow-clad plain,
Star-flecked skies looked gently down
  On mountain valleys of Lorraine.
Long, sweeping hills, dark, silent wood;
  The winding thread of ice-locked stream,
Blue, curling smoke from peasant hearths,
  From humble sills bright candles' gleam.

Now crystal clear through frosty air
  Peal out the chimes of village bell,
Ring, "Peace on earth, good will to men,
  The Christ is born, Noël, Noël!"
Through crooked streets and narrow lanes,
  The iron heels on frozen mire
Give merry clink to hastening feet
  Seeking the warmth of billet fire.

There seated 'round the Yuletide flame
  Strong men from lands across the sea
Who gently fold in brawny arms
  The sleepy tots upon their knee.
Capacious pockets yield their store
  Of simple gifts with which men seek
To say those things their hearts would tell
  But alien tongue prevents them speak.

Thus in the ancient land of France,
  On Christmas Eve, ten years ago,
Awaiting the glad natal hour
  Of Him who walked with men below,.
The children of two lands forgot
  The anguish of a world, war torn,
And deep within two kindred souls
  The flame of Peace was there re-born.

—P. N. S.

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The last day for filing application for Adjusted Compensation (Soldier's Bonus) is December 31, 1927. This bonus is in the form of a paid-up life insurance policy, the full face value of which is payable to you in 1945, provided you are living. If application has been made before the end of this year, your beneficiary will receive the full face value of your policy in case of death.

The average policy of men who served in the Yankee Division throughout its entire Federal service is over $1,000.

If you fail to make application, in case of your death, your nearest relative can collect but about one third of the full amount. Do not allow carelessness or procrastination to cost you hundreds of dollars. Write to William Snyder(M), Secretary of the YD Club of Boston, 200 Huntington Avenue, Boston, for application blank.

No examination to take, no premiums to pay.

Do it now, or never.

BETWEEN OURSELVES

Commander John W. Reth, Department of Massachusetts, American Legion, addressed the members of the YD Club of Boston at a recent smoker. The Commander is not an orator. We believe that he would acquiesce without rancor to that observation. But when he speaks he says something; which cannot be remarked of every professional welkin ringer we have endured. We cannot quote him verbatim. On smoker nights we park the pencil and notebook and slough the reportorial toga, the better to enjoy the sweet communion of kindred souls. But two statements the Commander made with such admirable clarity that their essential significance remains with us.

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(1) Veteran organizations should endorse and actively assist those projects which benefit the community and the nation, rather than those which appear to benefit themselves as a group. (2) The first and paramount duty of all veterans is to see that no reasonable adjunct to comfort and happiness is denied to those of their comrades who were handicapped by the great conflict. These were not the Commander's words, but they were his thoughts. To our mind, the American Legion and all other organizations need no broader platform upon which to stand. Those two planks need no elaboration and no curtailment. They are adequate and sufficient.

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The self seeker has no place in veteran assemblies. His breed, once prevalent, has subsided to a disgruntled minority. That it ever existed in numbers was perhaps due to an excusably inflated ego, the result of post-war adulation and flattery. Praise and reward any youngster long enough and he becomes obstreperous. Then he ceases to be "cute." So with some of us. The public became surfeited. In some quarters the veteran brought upon himself deserved criticism. He profited by it. He no longer perambulates with his hand out and his vocal chords in training. He even admits he has had a pretty square deal.

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Occasionally, even to-day, some veteran fails dismally "to see oursel's as others see us." For instance, there is a noticeable lack of courtesy in an American veteran on the floor of the Paris convention discussing the eventualities should this nation be attacked by its erstwhile host. To uphold our reputation for patriotism it is not necessary to tar-and-feather all dissenters. To sustain our national pride it is not essential to assume a bellicose arrogance which belligerently proclaims our superiority to the rest of the benighted world. It may be true. Other nations may feel the same way about themselves. But let them announce it and who would be the first to yell, "Fatheads?" Braggadocio is no less censorious in nations than in men.

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Our mission, as we see it, is not to proclaim America's greatness but to contribute toward it. Her resources are unlimited, the vitality of her people is prodigious, her opportunities are millenial. The day of the veterans in places of power is not far off. Can we avoid the pitfalls of our predecessors' partisanship and the pork barrel? We have the opportunity. We believe it was to this opportunity Commander Reth alluded.

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As to his second statement, who will gainsay it? To the undying credit of the American Legion and other bodies the disabled veteran has not been forgotten. They were our comrades. They were your comrades. Make their welfare your own personal concern. If a single one has suffered an injustice in your mind, get out and fight for him. Or tell us about it and we will.

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Two things and only two: the well-being of our disabled and the welfare of our country. To demand the first, not as a favor but as a right; to further the second without boastfulness or ostentation. A small assignment but a big objective.

THANK YOU, NEIGHBOR

Daniel D. Bidwell, former War correspondent, writes in the Hartford Times:

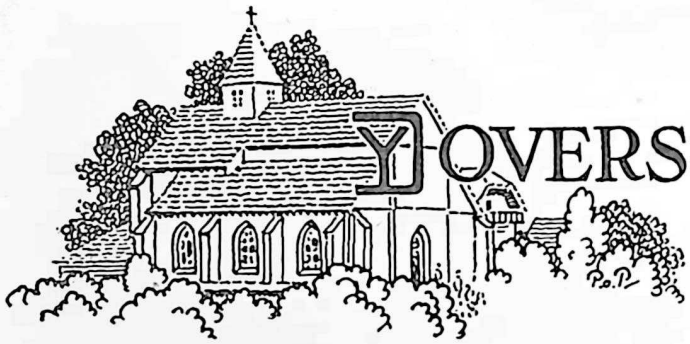
> Many scores of former service boys in Hartford well remember days when in billets or on a hike they were eager to get any kind of reading. They were glad to struggle with even French newspapers—though the papers were so censored that news was as rare as pearls dissolved in angels' tears. Well, in these lean later days they are as glad if they get a copy of YANKEES DOINGS, the gallus monthly which the Yankee Division Veterans' Association serves out from the post de commande at No. 200 Huntington avenue, Boston.

TO SETTLE THE ARGUMENT

Attention has been called before to the splendid little book, "Guide to the American Battlefields in Europe" which may be procured for 75 cents from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.

Since making the announcement, we have received one of the books and spent several enjoyable hours with it. In addition to being a guide-book, it is a brief history of America's participation in the war. Inserted in a pocket in the back are three large maps, one of the Aisne-Marne, one of St. Mihiel, and one of the Meuse-Argonne sector. The ground covered by each Division is blocked in with a wash of different color, with lines showing the position of the front line on successive days.

When one of those friendly little arguments starts as to who was on our right, or who was on our left, or what day we took the village of so-and-so, it is quite a satisfaction to be armed with the facts. If you own this book, you never need be in any uncertainty. Everything is shown, and everything is official.



YD OVERSEAS MEMORIAL

"Every man give one day's pay"

At an enthusiastic meeting of the Overseas Memorial Committee on November 21, General Sherburne read a letter from Col. Luther who was unable to be present. Colonel Luther is Chairman of the sub-committee on large contributions. He reported in his letter that the members of his committee are meeting with success in their canvassing of the field of men considered able to give in sums of $100 or over. In the short time that Colonel Luther has been in charge of this committee, it has raised approximately $6,000, with as much more in sight.

It will of course be understood that the figures which appear each month in YANKEE DOINGS represent the gross total of money received. The Committee has been to no inconsiderable expense in collecting this amount, so the net sum available is somewhat below the total contributed. In extenuation of the expenses incurred it may be truthfully said that in every case money put out has brought in more than was expended. For instance, the brochure mailed to every member of the Division in the early Fall has already paid for itself, although it represented the expenditure of about $2,000. We feel that this Committee, which is after all your Committee, has nothing to conceal. It has acted wisely, and has spent money only when thoroughly convinced the expense is justified.

One of the most gratifying features of the returns received from the brochure has been the almost unanimous response to the suggestion that ten cents be included in the donation to cover the expense of printing and mailing. It may have seemed to some a small thing to do on the part of the Committee, but if so, they have thought it over and come to realize that legitimate expenses are best distributed among the many.

At the same meeting mentioned above, prints of the latest sketches from M. d'Estailleur, the architect for the restoration of the church at Belleau, were viewed by the members present. General Sherburne told of the recent visit of Bernard Carter, Chairman of the France Sub-Committee, and of the various details which he is carrying out on the spot, namely in Belleau. Acting upon the advice of the central committee, Mr. Carter has completed arrangements for the transfer of the land upon which the church is to stand. Nothing remains on that score but the final filing of the papers, which will probably have been accomplished by the time this is published.

The actual ownership of the church property will be in the hands of a permanent Board of Trustees, with the proviso that the edifice shall always be a Yankee Division Memorial Church.

To speak once more of finances, several contributions of $500 have been received and one or two of $1,000. It might be possible to raise the entire sum in large donations. This is not the desire of the Committee, nor should it be the desire of the men. The church, when erected, will represent the spirit of the 26th Division in direct ratio to the number of men whose one dollar, or two dollars, or five dollars have gone into its walls. Nearly half the amount absolutely necessary to carry out the work in its most meagre essentials has been raised, and yet less than ten per cent of the personnel of the Division has given as much as one cent.

The 101st Field Artillery is the first regiment to go over the top of its quota. Our hat is off to the Archies. Not one of the infantry regiments has yet reached twenty per cent of its quota. Come on, you doughboys.

The Committee voted that when the net sum available reaches $35,000, they will take steps to start the actual construction. It was the general feeling that this mark would be reached shortly after the first of the new year. If so, it may yet be possible to hold our dedication on Armistice Day, 1928, the tenth anniversary of the Great Day.

Just as an example of the sincere and whole hearted manner in which some men are entering into the spirit of the Memorial, the Treasurer reported that one man had made a pledge of $10, with the plea that he be allowed to pay it $1.00 a week. Seven weeks have elapsed and seven payments have been made. Don't be afraid your donation will be too small. Give what you can now, add to it as you are able.

It is the expectation of the Memorial Committee that the various regiments will give stained glass memorial windows to the church, with suitable inscriptions. These will cost less than $1,000 apiece, perhaps considerably less, and will give each outfit an opportunity to have its own dead honored, and its own justifiable pride made manifest.

It is hoped that personal solicitation in the separate regiments in the next month or two will greatly augment the number of small contributions. Then, all up for the greatest YD event since the war, our pilgrimage to France.

A LOYAL WORKER

Mr. Daniel D. Bidwell, Military Editor of the Hartford Times, Hartford, Connecticut, has been most generous in his notices concerning the YD Overseas Memorial, several items having appeared during the past few weeks.

Mr. Bidwell seeks to do his share in lining up the men of Connecticut behind the project, and the Committee wishes to take this opportunity to thank him publicly for his interest and valuable help.

HEADQUARTERS YD OVERSEAS MEMORIAL

General Orders No. 2.

December 1, 1927.

From: C in C.
To: Every YD Man in Captivity.
Subject: Come Across.

Now that the re-union season is on, the committees in charge are requested to devote a few minutes, at least, to talking about the YD Overseas Memorial. Apparently a number of men really desire to give but have been putting it off for some reason or other. If the matter is called to their attention at every opportunity, we feel sure that satisfactory results will be forthcoming. Please keep in mind the fact that if a man cannot afford to give more than a dollar he should not be ashamed to give that amount.

We want to have as many men as possible represented in our project.

By order of
JOHN H. SHERBURNE, (M)
Commanding.

RALPH M. EASTMAN,
Adjutant.

AMOUNTS RECEIVED TO DECEMBER 1

	Amt. Rec'd	Amt. Pledged	TOTAL
Div. Hq. Troop	$1487.80	$170.00	$1657.80
101st Inf.	1185.51	711.00	1896.51
101st F. A.	3205.30	1486.50	4691.80
101st Tr. M.	30.00	18.00	48.00
101st Supply Tr.	121.30	45.00	166.30
*101st San. Train	550.80	91.00	641.80
101st F. Signal Bn.	277.30	55.00	332.30
101st Tr. Hq. & M. P.	141.35	30.00	171.35
101st M. G. Bn.	380.19	110.00	490.19
101st M. O. R. S.	9.00		9.00
101st Engrs.	2734.50	476.50	3211.00
101st Amm. Tr.	742.75	412.00	1154.75
102nd Inf.	1328.08	176.10	1504.18
102nd F. A.	1521.40	176.75	1698.15
102nd M. G. Bn.	771.55	117.00	888.55
103rd Inf.	920.10	433.60	1353.70
103rd F. A.	2106.90	244.50	2351.40
103rd M. G.	486.30	48.00	534.30
104th Inf.	1157.70	194.10	1351.80
51st Art. Brigade	488.00		488.00
52nd Inf.	32.33	10.00	42.33
51st Inf Brigade	128.40	35.00	163.40
Misc.	1086.00	1132.00	2218.00
Bank Interest	105.80		105.80
Postage	1.92		1.92
	$21000.28	$6172.05	$27172.33

* Includes 101st F. H., 101st San. Train, 102nd F. H., 102nd Amb., 103rd F. H., 103rd Amb., 104th F. H., 104th Amb.

1986 Donors 630 Pledges
2616 TOTAL

$9,756.05	Amount Pledged	$21,000.28	Cash Received
3,635.00	Paid on Pledges	6,121.05	Due on Pledges
$6,121.05	DUE ON PLEDGES	$27,121.33	TOTAL

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EDITOR OF YANKEE DOINGS:

That capital (M) after a member's name is a good scheme. It will make more of the boys wake up as to who are and who are not members.

MAURICE A. THOMPSON (M)
(B Co., 101st Amm. Tr.)

Brockton, Mass., November 22.

HAIR TRIGGER NATE

By Philip M. Sanborn

The distinguished looking gentleman whose features are displayed on Page 3 of our album was known in the heyday of his military career as "Hair Trigger Nate." The Nate, in the more sedate form of Nathan was presumably bestowed upon him in the remote days of defenseless infancy by long forgotten but temporarily essential parents. The pseudonym "Hair Trigger" was purely descriptive and the invention of a compatriot from Aroostook County whose genius for coining apposite phrases was indigenous. He pronounced it "Ha'ar Trigga". Good old Monty.

"Hair Trigger" first gazed upon the marvels of this world in that vague and remote region known as the Kentucky mountains, where men are men and women are frequently widows. We never had such a vivid conception of the omnipotence of the Selective Service Act as when we first saw Nate. The author of any law that penetrated to the fastnesses wherein he lived, moved and had his being was a worthy successor to Columbus and the great explorers.

Yet, here he was. The question only remained what to do about it.

Sober, "Hair Trigger" was consumed with but two desires: namely, to alleviate his sobriety, or in the vulgar tongue, to acquire a skinfull, and to avoid a sudden and violent demise. In both ambitions he was reasonably successful. Drunk, he likewise boasted but two purposes in life: to remain that way, and to execrate the Germans.

He came to us in a rest area. By the time we went up again, we knew the Armistice was near. Nate had promised to exterminate the Kaiser's army.

Whilst he was laboriously endeavoring, one day, to master the intricacies of penmanship for the laudible but scarcely altruistic motive of being able to sign the payroll; we learned much concerning the quaint customs of his native heath.

"What you going to do after you get home, Nate?"

"Oh, I dunno. Guess I'll get married."

"I thought you were married."

"Yes, that's right. I am married."

"Going to get a divorce?"

"Hell, no. They don't bother none with them sort o' things down my way."

Outside of drinking, Nate enjoyed but one pastime. Many a time, passing his billet when he alone was within, we have been startled by the most uncannily accurate imitation of the screech of a shell. This performance was for his own personal delectation. He never commercialized his genius for the praise of his comrades.

Unrestrained in elemental passions as a jungle beast, yet he often displayed the most childlike docility to those who praised or made of him. One day a detail was loading rolls of tarred paper into a truck. Two men would grab the ends of a roll and laboriously lift it to the floor of the truck. "You're a big, strong fellow, Nate," said the sergeant, "go ahead and show these loafers some speed." Grabbing one roll under each great arm, Nate dashed up to the truck. With a prodigious heave, first one roll and then the other was hurled clear up to the back of the driver's seat which it struck with a smack, and Nate was back for more. The entire detail, who knew their garden produce, stopped work to cheer Nate on. The more cheers, the more Herculean his efforts. In five minutes the truck was loaded and Nate was grinning like a great, hairy ape in acknowledgment of the flattery.

Another time, after a protracted engagement with John Barleycorn, "Hair Trigger" was contemplating—like Hamlet—self-destruction. As he poised on the edge of a steep embankment, eyes shut, jaws locked, and mouth foaming, a half dozen comrades, whom he was shaking off as a terrier shakes a rat, sought to hold him from pitching himself over. After he had knocked a lieutenant spinning, Al Day was sent for as one whom Nate liked and sometimes heeded.

Al grabbed him by the ears, and commanded, "Open your eyes." He complied. "Do you know me?" "Yes, you're Sgt. Day." "Get on your feet." Nate "got." "Attention! About face! Forward march!" Rolling and weaving, Nate regained his billet and went to bed.

Next morning an extremely mollified and crestfallen mountaineer was apprised of the enormity of his offense, particularly of his manhandling of an officer. Now thoroughly sober, his suicidal intent took on new and alarming proportions.

"I've done gone and insulted an officer. I ain't fit for nothin'. I'm only a low down, no 'count guy, nohow." Thus he wailed and begged for his rifle which had been taken from him. Finally in desperation the guardian of his rifle gave it to him, exclaiming, "Here's your damn rifle. Go ahead and blow your fool brains out. Maybe then you'll pipe down for a while."

Almost immediately Nate began to think better of this world and eventually set out to "clean up the Frog that got him full." No murder was reported, so it was assumed that the Frog remained uncleaned up.

"Ain't so much noise 'bout killin' a man down my way," he observed on one occasion, "I just wait behind a tree till he comes along."

With a contrite heart, Nate was meted out his punishment for his sensational escapade. He was to dig a trench. We were not in the line and no trench was needed, but "his not to reason why."

In a spirit of abnegation and zeal he set about his penance in a soft and loamy field. A half hour later Al Day heard a voice, "Sergeant." No sign of the speaker. Walking in the direction of the sound, Al was hailed with, "Sergeant, am I down fur enough?" Peering over the edge of the hole, he was able to see Nate's head, about three feet down. He had dug a hole over eight feet deep. After being extricated he was ordered to fill it in again. Without demur he went furiously to work, and when he finished he was relieved of further punishment.

His love of "likker" was equalled only by his terror of shell fire. As he succinctly put it, "I don't mind the

little ones, sergeant, but the big ones. Oh, gee, I don't like the big ones." Ah, well, let him that is without sin cast the first stone.

Poor old Nate, wonder where he is now. The proudest moment of his life was that wherein he shyly presented his gas mask carrier to a comrade. Scrawled in indelible pencil across it was his name, his real name which we will not disclose. It was terribly crude, but legible. "What does it say?" asked Nate, expectantly. The man repeated the name. "Does it, honest?" cried Nate in incontrollable pride, "I done it myself."

TAPS

YANKEE DOINGS regrets exceedingly that an error was made in this column last month, in the false report of the death of Major WILLIAM H. HENNESSEY (Hdqtrs. 101st F. A.).

The recent death of Major Hennessey's mother was incorrectly copied from the newspapers.

CHESTER W. ROBERTS, formerly of the Supply Company, 102nd Field Artillery died in Quincy, Mass., in January, 1927.

The funeral of Sgt. JAMES M. HUDSON, formerly of F Company, 101st Infantry, was held at the home of his sister, 123 Salem Street, Malden, at 2:00 P.M. Sunday, November 13.

Judge SPENCER J. SEARLES of Duluth, Minn., who served as a lieutenant in the 26th Division committed suicide on November 14. Despondency due to a wound received in action was believed to have been the cause of his act.

THE SPIRIT OF THE OLD YD

Much has been said and much has been written about the spirit of the old YD, but I do not think that this spirit could be better exemplified than it was on Sunday, November 13th, when the members of the YD Club and the YD Post joined with the members of the Co. H, 101st Infantry A.E.F. Veterans Association in making the annual Memorial Services held by this Company each year at Fall River a success beyond our fondest hopes.

Last year a goodly representation was present from the Club and the YD Post but no real organized effort was made to have many present. This year we started earlier with our plans and extended an open invitation to all members of the Club and the Post to join with us. The response was gratifying beyond our expectations. It seemed like old times, as the members did not stop to think about what outfit was conducting it, but that it was a YD time and as such they were going to cooperate, which they certainly did, many not only accepting the invitation but putting their cars at our disposal. Above all every one did his best regardless of what outfit he came from to help "H—er Comp."

We were certainly pleased with the great showing and to have the 1st Vice President of the Club, BILL BROWN (M) and the Secretary of the Club, BILL SNYDER (M) with us gave the atmosphere just a little of the official touch necessary to feel that the YD was represented from top to bottom, and above all that great spirit of cooperation everyone showed made our burden lighter; the day greater. The thought we came away with was, "The spirit of the old YD has not changed."

The members of the Co. H 101st Infantry, A.E.F. Veterans Association wish to extend to all the members of the YD Club and the YD Post, A. L., through these columns our sincere appreciation for their part in making our third annual Memorial Services for the dead of the 26th Division the great success it was. And we feel that the spirit that moved them is the same spirit that moves us each year in holding this event, "THE SPIRIT OF THE OLD YD."

—EVERETT H. CASWELL (M).

GOING CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

The Disabled Ex-Service Men's Exchange, established in 1922 by Mrs. Clarence R. Edwards at 385 Boylston Street, Boston, is a store where articles made by the boys who have been handicapped from earning a livelihood by the usual means are assembled and offered for sale to the public.

The Exchange is under the general management of the American Legion Auxiliary. Col. CARROLL J. SWAN (M), President of the YD Club, and Mrs. Swan are Directors of the Exchange.

The articles handled at the shop range from pottery to furniture. Listed among the articles are tooled leather purses, beaded bags, scarfs, baskets, bracelets, finger rings, pewter vases, knitted shawls and toys.

Each reader of these columns purchases at least one gift during the year. By buying at this store, we not only secure a very high grade article, but help a buddy to support himself and to retain his independence.

When Mrs. Edwards opened the store she associated with herself two young men distinguished for earnestness and loyalty: Edmund T. Dungan, now Manager and JAMES C. BARRY (M) (Med. Det., 101st Inf.), Manager in charge of sales.

Mrs. Beulah E. Stowell of Dalton is Massachusetts State Chairman.

While doing your Christmas shopping, drop in at the Exchange. You will find attractive articles and good value.

—F. W. F. (M)

A LARGER HAT, PLEASE

EDITOR OF YANKEE DOINGS:

Regarding your article "Raise Dues or Raze DOINGS," why should that which has taken time and thought, and in no small measure has helped make the YD all that it is to-day be razed or partially razed? It is my humble opinion that our magazine should be built up and not torn apart.

All items regardless of their nature in DOINGS are of real interest, and to cut any part or to condense the reading matter would be, I am sure, a keen disappointment to most of us.

Why not change the slogan to read, "Raise Dues and Raise DOINGS." I am sure the consensus of opinion is for DOINGS to stay at least as is, and raise dues if necessary to keep it so.

—EVERETT F. CASWELL (M)
(H Co., 101st Inf.)

THOSE WE LEFT BEHIND

By Everett H. Caswell (M) (H Co., 101st Inf.)

Each year, on Armistice, we celebrate with great joy that event that happened November 11th, 1918, and our minds wander back to that great day when we looked upon the final scene of the World War. We remenber the uncontrollable joy that we all felt when we realized that it was over, and that what we longed for—but which few of us thought we would ever see again—was to be ours once more, HOME. For the time being we forgot those who had gone on, those we loved and whom we left sleeping upon the field of Honor where they fell, our comrades.

Then when we returned home and time went on and we met on frequent occasions, that great spirit,—the greatest treasure we brought home—was renewed. "The friendship created on the battle-fields of France." And as we looked around many familiar faces were missing, and we began to think of those we left behind. Each year on Memorial Day we think of them in the Great Beyond and many of us journey to the final resting place of those whose bodies have been returned to the land they loved. There we kneel at their graves and place tenderly over their heads the fresh flag of their country and the flowers of our love.

Although Memorial Day, a national holiday, is set aside to remember the dead of our country, we cannot help but give a thought on our greatest day of the year, Armistice Day, to our own dead. Their lot is not as ours. They cannot celebrate the day and all that it represents.

With this thought in mind the Co. H, 101st Inf., A. E. F. Veterans Association, each year holds special Memorial Services for the dead of the 26th Division on the Sunday following Armistice Day, at the church of the Rev. Father Osias Boucher in Fall River, the Chaplain we all love, he who eased the suffering, comforted the dying, and held the hand of many comrades when the last spark of life passed out and they entered into the Great Beyond.

This year, on Sunday, November 13th, this pilgrimage of love was repeated, and the members of the H Co. Veterans Association are proud and have just cause to be, of the great success of the day. But no small part of the success of the occasion this year is due to the members of the YD Club and the YD Post, A. L., for their cooperation and the splendid representation that was present from both organizations. It is only right that the YD should be represented as a whole, as this Memorial Service is for the dead of the entire Division.

The Boston representations of all organizations left Copley Square in a convoy of thirty machines at 9:00 A.M. and were escorted all the way by a detail of State Constabulary, arriving in Fall River about 11:30. A short parade was formed and proceeded to the church, led by Chief of Police Martin Feeney, and Captains of three different stations of the Fall River police. Following them came the Chief Marshal, the President of the Co. H Veterans Association and his staff. The Co. H 101st Inf. Associates Military Band furnished music and were followed by the escort from Cos. D and H of the present 101st Infantry with Lt. O'Hare and Lt. Hickey commanding. The YD Post was next in line and made a wonderful showing in their smocks and tams. They were led by Commander AL BARNARD (M). The YD Club delegation was led by Vice President WILLIAM BROWN (M) and BILL SNYDER (M). They were followed by the Co. H Veterans, led by JIM POWERS (M) with 70 members in line.

The Mass was celebrated by Father BOUCHER (M). Father Garyon who was a chaplain in the 82nd Division preached the sermon. The services were followed by a dinner in the church hall, prepared and served by the ladies of the parish. There were 900 people at this dinner and we appreciate the amount of work they did. We would be negligent in our duty should we fail to say a word of appreciation at this time for their part in making the day the grand success it was. The dinner was followed by brief remarks from some of those sitting at the head table after which the president of the H Co. Association presented Father BOUCHER with a loving cup with the following inscription upon it, from the members of H Company: "Presented to the Rev. Father OSIAS BOUCHER by the members of the Co. H, 101st Inf., A. E. F., Veterans Association, to convey our love and affection that had its birth upon the battlefields of France in 1918. Presented at Fall River, Mass., November 13th, 1927."

A concert by the band and an entertainment featuring JOHN DENNIHAN (M) who also sang at the mass in the morning and the show of the present Co. H, 101st Infantry, brought the afternoon to a close, after which the parade was reformed and marched back to the starting point, passing in review before Father BOUCHER and the Rev. HAROLD FAIR who was a lieutenant in H Co. during the war.

After the parade was disbanded and the convoy had started home, in vision we could see those of our comrades in the Great Beyond looking down with happy faces and could almost hear the message they would send if such were possible: *To our Comrades on earth from their Comrades departed. We look down upon you this day and our hearts are filled with joy to think that we are not forgotten by our living Comrades nine years after the war.*

WHO'S GOT THE BUTTON?

Are you wearing the official Yankee Division Veterans Association lapel button? It looks just like the seal which appears in the "Masthead" of YANKEE DOINGS on Page 3. Every Y. D. V. A. member (which includes, of course, every member of the YD Club of Boston) is entitled to wear one. They are for sale at the Club; the cost is twenty-five cents plus mailing charge of two cents.

Now that cold weather is here, most of us who already have a button are hiding it under our overcoat. How about a spare, one for the coat and one for the overcoat?

Sam Bowers: "Why do people say 'The Silvery Moon'?"
Gus Furdon: "I'll bite. Why do they?"
Sam: "Because it comes in quarters and halves."

EXCHANGES

Foreign Service, the official publication of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, contains in the November issue several articles of interest to former members of the A. E. F. The magazine, which contains approximately the same number of pages as YANKEE DOINGS is much more profusely illustrated than ours, due undoubtedly to its much larger circulation. In other ways it is difficult to make comparisons. It is of necessity less intimate, less chatty, than DOINGS; because of its widely scattered and personally unacquainted readers. In make-up it has the professional appearance which indicates the guiding hand of trained editors, yet its rather solid pages and absence of short articles make it, we feel, less "easy to read." It contains a splendid leading editorial on "A Duty for Armistice Day." This duty is that we owe to our comrades in hospitals. In part, this editorial says, "Let's give them a portion of our time on Armistice Day, mingle with them and make them feel that they are not forgotten in our zeal to celebrate. They neither ask nor seek our pity or tears. It's comradeship they crave, a friendly face, a cheerful chat and simple recognition of their existence. Let them feel that we, their comrades, remember and appreciate. Let them know and realize that their deeds still live, that their efforts to make peace possible have not been overlooked and that their sacrifices and sufferings have not been in vain."

The Legionnaire, published by the Milton (Mass.) Post 114, American Legion, is an eight page booklet which serves admirably to keep up interest in Post affairs. BARRY KEENAN (M) (B Co., 102nd M. G. Bn.) is Commander of the Milton Post this year. The Post has just completed renovating an old school building given them by the town for permanent quarters. The dedication was held during Armistice week.

MEMORIAL IN EAST HARTFORD, CONN,

The town of East Hartford, Connecticut, conducted. commencing November 7, an eight day campaign for $12,000 to erect a granite shaft to the men and women who served from there during the World War.

When Uncle Sam flung into the thirty-two months' old war on April 6, 1917, some twenty-five young fellows of the town were in National Guard Units or the army or the navy. The regimental headquarters company of the old First infantry, C. N. G., companies E, H and K of that regiment and the old Second division, Naval militia, were the units having the largest membership from East Hartford. Major GEORGE J. RAU was commander of the regiment's third battalion.

First and Second Made 102d

In early August picked men from this regiment and the old Second Infantry (both federalized long before that time), were formed in Camp Yale, New Haven, into a National Guard but army regiment known then as the 102d Infantry, destined to see thrilling and hard service and bitter fighting in far France with its climax in the frozen November mud of the Meuse-Argonne at the Armistice of Rethondes. In command of the First battalion of that historic regiment George Rau was placed at the recommendation of Colonel Shuttleworth, United States army.

Birth of 101st M. G. B.

Scarcely later the 101st Machine Gun battalion was formed, in Niantic, mainly from the Cavalry squadron, C. N. G., pieced out by chosen men from Vermont and a number of recruits from Hartford county, among whom were several from East Hartford. It was in Hoboken and Montreal that most of the men from East Hartford in these units embarked, ports which could not then be named in the censored print, even if known. Even before these men landed in France other youths from the home town were abroad, lads in the naval division running the perils of infested submarined waters and then standing patrol in the Channel and seeking a bit of "liberty" in St. Nazaire.

The Hartford Times, from whose columns much of this information is gathered, then goes on to relate the story of the 102nd Infantry and the 101st M. G. Battalion in France, a story so familiar to all YD men as to need no repetition here.

East Hartford's Honor Roll

The 26th Division men from East Hartford who made the supreme sacrifice were: WALLACE H. BROWN (101st M. G. Bn.), JOSEPH E. COUTURE (K Co., 102nd Inf.), Major GEORGE J. RAU (102nd Inf.).

A particularly felicitous tribute to Major Rau was paid by the Rev. Father SHERRY, chaplain in the Twenty-sixth Division. Major Rau was technically not a resident of the town, but a liberal and popular latitude was given by the committee in charge of the honor board which schoolchildren and others erected on Church corner and his name was placed in the position of honor at the top. He had for two years lived in Hartford.

THE EVILS OF STRONG DRINK

One of our sergeants,—he still lives, and is a wonderful chap,—got into a heated argument one night as to his capacity for champagne as compared to another's capacity for beer. To settle the argument a dozen bottles of champagne and a dozen bottles of beer were secured and they went at it. Now one must bear in mind that the champagne bottles were twice as large as beer bottles, but this had nothing to do with the bet. After about an hour when I had decided to retire they were still at it and making good progress.

I had been asleep for about an hour when I heard the most blood-curdling yells ever known. Everyone was up and candles were lit. Lo and behold our sergeant was up on the rafters of the barn doing his best to measure the interior of the roof for wall paper, his opponent was trying to follow him, had lost his footing and was hanging by one leg from an intersection of the beams, howling his head off. We never knew just how much of the liquids were consumed, nor if the midnight excursion was part of the bet, but we do know that a certain sergeant had plenty of fatigue duty for several weeks to come.

Doubtless many of you have like fond memories and it would be interesting to read of them in print. I am sure our genial editor will grant you any reasonable space you might like.

—"DIABLO" (M)

Y. D. V. A. AIDS FLOOD VICTIMS

At a special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Yankee Division Veterans Association, called hurriedly by President Keville on Monday, November 7, it was voted that the Governors of the six New England states be wired the sympathy of the Association in the flood disaster, and its willingness to be of assistance.

This was done in the following telegram, dispatched the same evening to their Excellencies: Ralph O. Brewster of Maine, Huntley N. Spaulding of New Hampshire, John E. Weeks of Vermont, Alvan T. Fuller of Massachusetts, Aram J. Pothier of Rhode Island, and John H. Trumbull of Connecticut:

"The Yankee Division Veterans Association, through its National Executive Committee, offers deepest sympathy in disaster which has affected parts of your State, and desires to be of assistance in whatever manner possible."

WILLIAM J. KEVILLE (M)
President

A copy of the telegram was wired also to the six Vice Presidents of the Y. D. V. A.: GEORGE W. MORRELL (M) of Maine, Dr. HAROLD J. CONNOR (M) of New Hampshire, JAMES BROWN of Vermont, L. EUGENE STOVER (M) of Massachusetts, J. O. SAN SOUCI (M) of Rhode Island, and Col. J. ALDEN TWACHTMAN (M) of Connecticut. These men were later appraised by letter of the Association's interest and requested to notify the Secretary of any case of acute distress of any YD man or family due to the flood which might come to their attention.

The following replies were received:

"Your kind message deeply appreciated. From present indications the situation following the flood can be handled without aid from outside the State."

HUNTLEY N. SPAULDING,
Governor.

Concord, N. H., November 8.

"Citizens of Maine deeply appreciate your kind thought and we will advise you very shortly as to whether we shall need outside aid. Reports to date do not indicate serious loss within the State of Maine."

RALPH O. BREWSTER,
Governor of Maine.

November 9.

"Your expression of sympathy and offer of assistance greatly appreciated. Anyone wishing to contribute to Vermont relief fund may send check to State Treasurer or myself."

JOHN E. WEEKS,
Governor of Vermont.

November 11.

"The offer of assistance from the Yankee Division Veterans Association expressing sympathy in the disaster which has affected Connecticut is deeply appreciated by the people of Connecticut and myself. We are handling the situation in a satisfactory manner and hope we will not have to ask for outside assistance."

JOHN H. TRUMBULL,
Governor.

Hartford, Conn., November 8.

"Appreciate your kindness. Situation in Rhode Island not serious."

ARAM J. POTHIER,
Governor of Rhode Island.

November 10.

"In the absence of Governor Fuller I beg to acknowledge receipt and thank you for your telegram of November 7th. I am sure the Governor will deeply appreciate the cooperation of the Yankee Division Veterans Association in this disaster."

HERMAN A. MACDONALD (M),
(Batt. F, 101st F. A.)
Secretary to the Governor.

Boston, Mass., November 8.

In response to Governor Weeks' telegram, Colonel Keville instructed the Secretary to transmit a certified check for $100 to the Governor, to be applied to the Flood Relief Fund. This was sent on November 14. Governor Weeks replied as follows:

MY DEAR MR. SANBORN:

The contribution from the Yankee Division Veterans Association to the Vermont relief fund in the sum of $100.00 received.

Please accept my sincere thanks and deep appreciation on behalf of the people of the State of Vermont for your kindness and consideration expressed in this substantial way.

Yours very truly,
JOHN E. WEEKS,
Governor.

GEORGE W. MORRELL (M), Vice President of the Y. D. V. A. for the State of Maine, replied:

"I have not yet heard of any YD men affected by the flood disaster, but have sent communications to four towns which were affected: Rumford, Mexico, Bethel and Canton, asking for the names and addresses of any veterans in distress. Maine was affected in a very small way compared with some other States."

JOSEPH O. SAN SOUCI (M), Vice President of the Y. D. V. A. for Rhode Island, replied:

"If any serious case of loss occurs to a YD man I will immediately notify you."

Col. GEORGE A. ROBERTS (M) of Springfield, Mass., Vice President at Large of the Y. D. V. A., replied in a similar vein, enclosing a clipping from a Springfield paper which notified of our readiness to help.

"BARBED WIRE"

"Barbed Wire" featuring Pola Negri and Clive Brook was the feature picture at the Club smoker on November 3. It is the story of a French girl's love for a German prisoner who has saved her from the attack of a renegade French soldier. The anger and hostility which her inexplicable devotion arouses in the hearts of her neighbors provide the picture with many exciting moments. The plot is one that no scenario writer would have had the temerity to present a few years ago. There may be a trace of propaganda underlying the film, but if so it is not of a pernicious sort. There can be no harm in forgetting some of the hysterical hatreds of the war, nor in coming to the realization, as most of us have, long ago, that not every Frenchman is an angel, nor every German a beast. Men of all races range from the best to the worst, and in choosing a German hero and a French villain, the makers of this film, while undoubtedly original, cannot be held either sacrilegious, or traitorous.

Other pictures were shown, and CARROLL SWAN (M), just back from his victorious conquest of European countries (not including the Scandinavian), conducted the meeting with even greater effervescence than usual.

Perhaps the most noteworthy event of the evening was the signing up of 61 new members, the greatest single day's total of the drive.

Plenty of sinkers and java for everyone concluded the vening.

A RED HOT ROOTER

EDITOR OF YANKEE DOINGS:

Got my DOINGS to-day and read it the first thing. I had planned to write before but forgot it until I read what's going to happen to DOINGS, so guess I'd better put in a word now—at once—right off—soon, before I "fergit" it "agin." Well, here goes now. The DOINGS ain't half big enough now as it is, and if anyone can tell me, or all of us, what the XX ! ! * * we are going to do if it gets any smaller—. For my part I don't care if you raise the dues or raise hell so long as I get my DOINGS as I have in the past.

There is only one thing about it. If you raise the dues I'll pay them as long as I can get the coin, and I guess everybody else will.

Now for this service certificate biz. Go to it. Get them out just as soon as you can get ink for "The Old Man" to sign them with, for if anyone who was in the Division don't want one, there must be something the matter with him.

The State of Massachusetts has plenty of testimonials left for those who never sent for them. (These are free.) Very likely you know something of this; something like $8,000 was set aside for them. If the men don't get them, the pols at the State House can blow that money on some hobby of their own. These testimonials were signed by President Coolidge when he was Governor. I have one framed, and if I had one such as you had in mind with "The Old Man's" name on it, I'd be willing to shake hands with the devil himself.

I'm sorry I didn't get in an order for one of the Verdun medals but I didn't get around to it. I had a medal at Camp Devens somewhere, but I lost it because they thought we were lousy, so had to have my clothes cooked by steam and I lost it out of my shirt pocket.

The book of DOINGS cove drawings is not a bad idea Better get that started too.

But whatever happens leave DOINGS as is, and get this service certificate started—now—damn quick—in a minute—'cause I want one.

Just a word about the November smoker. I was glad to see some new faces from the M. G. Battalion. They had to admit that they have lost a lot of good times. I got wet as hell as usual (outside) because I got the wrong car and had to hotfoot halfway 'cross Boston to get the right one. They had a very bad flood in Vermont that night, but, by cripes, it rained some in Boston, too.

I note in the November number, at the bottom of "The Gay Retreat," something about imploring us to stay away "soon." I "no compree." Try it on me, by heck. I'm coming if I have to bring a nail to drive in the wall and hook the seat of my breeches on it for standing room.

Well, you ought to know how I feel by this time, so good-bye for this once.

—H. A. KINSON (M)
(Headquarters Co., 102nd M. G. Bn.)

THE YD'S OWN CARUSO

Sometimes we feel like the farmer whose son had just installed a radio set to while away the winter hours for the old folks. After much turning and twirling he tuned in on a grand opera yell-fest. Quoth the farmer, "I don't know what he's singin', and if I did I wouldn't like it." Our knowledge of music is about on a par with our knowledge of early Hebrew translations, which isn't great. But we happen to know what we like. And in most cases our likes seem to coincide with the preferences of most "middle-brows."

To the members of the YD Club of Boston, there is only one voice to which all others are compared, that of our own golden throated baritone, JOHN DENNIHAN (M) (Hdqtrs. Co., 102nd F. A.). And while the fact that our opinion coincides with that of the musical world does not increase our enjoyment any, yet it bolsters up our pride and makes us think we have pretty good taste.

One of the features of the Club smokers which everyone looks forward to with anticipation is the possibility that John will sing. And if he is present, he does, because that's the kind of a fellow he is. No matter how highly their talents are rated by the world at large, among their comrades YD men give freely of what they have. It is that which makes our smokers, our magazine, our Club what they are.

Mr. Dennihan studied at the New England Conservatory, and was the first baritone in America to sing the leading role in Leoncavallo's opera, "Zingari." In France he sang for both the American and the French Red Cross in odd moments between tending to the 75's. After the war, he was told that his voice was so badly out of training that it was questionable whether or not his career could continue. John decided that it should, and went to work. Since that time he has sung in every Veterans Hospital in New England, and has opened a studio for teaching voice.

Whether or not he has come back, we are willing to leave to the judgment of the YD.

AN ALL YD BANQUET AND RE-UNION

The Yankee Division Veterans Association will hold its Annual Meeting some time in February or March. In previous years this event has been strictly a business meeting, usually on a Saturday afternoon. This year the Executive Committee is considering making it the occasion for a Grand Yankee Division Banquet, which would follow the business session.

No official action has been taken, but Colonel KEVILLE, (M) President of the Association has expressed himself in favor of the idea. If held, this banquet will go down in Yankee Division history as the biggest thing yet. Unless it can be made the biggest—as well as the best—it won't be held at all.

There will be no repetition of some of the more hectic episodes of the Divisional riot of 1921. In the first place, this reunion will be limited to members of the Yankee Division Veterans Association. And they have too high a regard for the organization to countenance anything detrimental to its good name.

Although plans are in their infancy, and nothing at all has been decided, it will probably be found advisable to hold the banquet at one of the leading hotels of Boston. It will be no piker affair, yet the price will be kept as reasonable as consistent with the desire to have everything Grade A. Undoubtedly all, or nearly all, of the old commanding officers will be present, and out of our membership of over 2000, it ought to be possible, giving ample notice of the date, to have nearly 1000 men at the tables.

Further details will follow in the next issue of DOINGS. Meanwhile, let us know how the idea strikes you.

LARGER DUES OR SMALLER DOINGS?

Quite a few replies have been received in response to the question whether, in order to curtail expenses, DOINGS should be "ensmalled" or whether dues should be raised. Let it be understood that neither of these objectionable alternatives will be resorted to except in the case of necessity, but, if necessity comes, which shall it be? This month's replies seem to be in remarkable accord, but if your opinion is a dissenting one, do not hesitate to let us know. In order to get a definite line on the answer to this rather important question, we are printing, elsewhere in this issue, a blank referendum, which you are requested to fill in, tear out, and mail to the Editor. Even if the ballot is 100 to 1 for raising dues as the lesser of two evils, it will not be done unless necessity compels. So please let your voice be heard.

We quote from some of the letters received:

R. W. MACMILLAN (M) (B Co., 101st Engrs.) writes from Belmont, Mass: "Don't raze YANKEE DOINGS. Let dues go up and DOINGS grow. A service certificate as mentioned in our paper would be of inestimable value to all of us. Let's have it. When ready forward me one with a bill and I'll send a check by return mail."

This from ARTHUR S. WALDRON (M) (C Co., 101st Engrs.): "I am decidedly against reducing our magazine in any way, shape or manner. For one, I will gladly pay any increase necessary to keep it at its present size. I am also interested in the certificate of service, and will be one voter in favor of having them as soon as possible."

From Brockton, MAURICE A. THOMPSON (M) (B Co., 101st Amm. Tr.) writes: "If you have to raise the dues, I'll ante. If you have a certificate signed by 'The Old Man' be sure to reserve one for a guy in Brockton. Keep up the good work and if I can do anything to help out, I'll be glad to."

H. A. KINSON (M) (Hdqtrs. Co., 102nd M. G. Bn.) writes in from Georgetown, Mass. His letter is printed in full elsewhere in this issue, as are also the letters of EVERETT F. CASWELL (M) (H Co., 101st Inf.) and LYMAN B. COZZENS (M) (Med. Det., 101st Engrs.).

R. C. PLANT (M) (A Co., 101st M. P's.) says: "In regard to DOINGS, what's the big idea in cutting it down, or taking it away, why not tack on a dollar or two, if necessary, and let it stay as it is? When I get home and find YANKEE DOINGS in the mail it is like meeting an old friend, and I am sure the majority of the boys will look at it the same way, keep it going, let's not lose it, like we did our smoking room down stairs just for the lack of funds."

"MINNIE LATOUR" (M), our Portland correspondent, writes: "For the love of Mike, don't make DOINGS any smaller. It's too small now. Personally I think the members of the Portland YD Club would stand a quarter increase in dues. It is not a question of being worth it, for we all know it is; but our friends who are more fortunate financially must think of the members whose work depends on the whim of a boss who neither knows or cares a great deal about them."

CHARLES QUINN (M) (K Co., 103rd Inf.), now located in New York City, has this to say, "As to the razing of DOINGS, would much prefer to pay more for it than to see it cut in the slightest manner."

Don't neglect to fill out and send in the blank.

STATION B.O.W.L.

Attention, all ye bowlers! Our Club League is getting under way in fine shape. The Engineers team which has not been beaten or surpassed in any preceding year is now holding only fourth place at the time this goes to press. The 101st Infantry, the 104th Infantry, the Algerians and the other teams are all taking a healthy wallop at that noble outfit. If the Engineers don't want to take the booby prize this year they had better snap into it. One more good man is needed for this team. Are you the man?

If JOHN KELLY (M) of the 101st Infantry can keep on improving he is liable to lead the league average. CHARLEY WELCH (M) and PHIL SOUSA (M) of the 101st Infantry and ELMER GRANT (M) of the Signal Corps team are also hitting a merry clip.

So much for our Club League news.

Our YD Club team, which is bowling in the Greater Boston American Legion League, is in a first place tie with the Reading Post, A.L., at the time of going to press, so you can see we have a pretty fair team. The members of this team are: H. BOTSFORD (M) (101st Engrs.), H. KINGSBURY (M) (101st Inf.), P. SOUSA (M) (101st Inf.), C. WELCH (M) (101st Inf.), and M. HARLOW (M) (101st Engrs.). Substitutes: S. BOWERS (M) (103rd F.A.) and H. ROBERTS (M) (101st Engrs.).

This league will very soon be one of the largest in Greater Boston.

Members of any Post within easy commuting distance of Boston proper reading this article and wishing to enter a team in this league, communicate with H. G. Botsford or Charles Welch, 200 Huntington Avenue, Boston, and further information will be forwarded.

The league is formed for the purpose of promoting good fellowship.

Have used up all our allotted space for this broadcast, so will sign off.

—H. G. B. (M)
Announcing

SALES AND SERVICE

The social life of the YD Club of Boston has come in for its full share of attention in these pages. The smokers, the club rooms, the reunions, the meetings, and the fraternity among the members are features which form the backbone of the Club's existence. But there are a number of other ways in which the Club is equipped to be of service to its members.

The addresses of at least 15,000 former members of the Division are on file. This does not include incorrect addresses. As soon as mail is returned because of an incorrect address, the name is removed from the files. No claim is made that every address of the 15,000 is correct, but presumably most of them are. If you are particularly desirous of locating a former comrade, the Club may be able to help you.

Through the courtesy of the War Department, the Club has a complete list of all 26th Division men who lost their lives in action.

The Photographic Section, U. S. Signal Corps, has provided the Club with the list of Official Pictures of the 26th Division. These are all numbered. The list is available at any time for you to look over and make selections. The pictures may be obtained for twenty-five cents each.

January 1, 1928 is the last day for filing application for Adjusted Compensation (Bonus). The applications may be obtained at the Club, and BILL SNYDER (M) will gladly fill yours out for you at any time. Don't put it off.

The Club also has application blanks for the Massachusetts State Bonus.

The YD Club is also the only place where you may obtain the far famed YD auto radiator emblem. Make your car a member of the Automobile Auxiliary.

The official Yankee Division grave marker, a truly beautiful bronze emblem to place over the graves of departed comrades may be purchased at the desk. Every regimental veteran organization in the Division might well consider paying this honor to its dead. Why not consider it at your next Company or Regimental reunion?

"THE HEAVEN OF MY DREAMS"

Sure, they'll be a place in Heaven that is greater than the rest
For the children of Old Erin in the country of the blest;
They'll be misty vales and mountains, and the softest azure skies
With St. Patrick watchin' o'er them in the fields of Paradise.
And there must be windin' rivers, like the Shannon and the Lee,
And a place they call Killarney, or it won't seem like home to me;
And silvery lakes like goblets drinkin' in the mountain streams,
And fairy dells, acushla, in the Heaven of my dreams.

And there must be pathways windin' thru the mountains and the glens,
And emerald mosses hangin' from the craggy rocks and fens.
Sure the linnets must be singin' in the blackthorn bush above,
And there must be lads and lasses in the bareens makin' love;
And there must be abbey ruins on the landscape here and there,
And shamrocks must be growin' in profusion everywhere.
Oh, it must be so like Ireland, or at least it seems to me,
With its shores awash with breakers in the Heaven of my dreams.

Oh, the dear friends of my childhood must be there, the young and old,
The aged, crowned with silver and the young with loops of gold,
The tales they told, the songs they sang, must all repeated be,
And not a face be missing or it won't seem home to me.
And bliss of bliss, acushla, there will be no partin' day,
Our Joys will all be with us and our sorrows passed away,
And often times I fancy I perceive the tiny gleams,
And hear the harps a-tinklin' in the Heaven of my dreams.

—ANON.

A NEW HIGH MARK

The campaign for new members conducted by the YD Club of Boston from October 12 until November 11 proved successful enough to convince even the most skeptical that the days of lagging interest are a thing of the past.

Commencing on October 12 with an active resident membership of 625, the Club found itself at midnight on Armistice Day boasting a total of 892. Since that time it has gone over the 900 mark. Not since 1920, the first year of the Club, has this figure been reached. As a matter of fact, the 1920 membership, the highest ever recorded, was 1005. Do not confuse these figures with Y. D. V. A. membership which includes men all over the world. The resident membership of the Boston Club comprises only those men who live within 15 miles of the Hub.

"Pep" meetings were held at the Club twice a week with Vice-President BILL BROWN (M) in the Chair, and suggestions were considered for speeding up the campaign. Several letters were sent out to all available prospects telling of the multitude of advantages the Club has to offer; but the real results were accomplished by personal contact, the Captains of the various teams, with their Lieutenants, spending many evenings flying about the suburbs of Boston, armed with application blanks and enthusiasm.

The award of prizes to men bringing in the most new members will take place at the December smoker, too late for this issue, but will be described in full next month.

The following table gives the membership increase of the various outfits during the drive:

ORGANIZATION	*No. of Members Oct. 12*	*Gain During Drive*	*No. of Members Nov. 11*
101st Infantry	115	61	176
102nd Infantry	6	3	9
103rd Infantry	23	9	32
104th Infantry	42	23	65
101st Engineers	161	67	228
101st Field Artillery	78	33	111
102nd Field Artillery	27	6	33
103rd Field Artillery	9	2	11
102nd M. G. Battalion	23	15	38
101st Field Sig. Battalion	38	17	55
101st Sanitary Train	25	8	33
All Other Units	78	23	101
TOTALS	625	267	892

SUCCESSOR TO THE CROSS WORD PUZZLE

MILTON A. MAXIM (M), (Hdqtrs. Co., 101st Inf.), brought in three authentic U. S. Army Field Messages which he has had in his possession since the war. These messages in code were actually sent. Since the code is no longer a secret, it occurred to us that it might be an amusing pastime for the readers of YANKEE DOINGS to do a little translating on their own part. Fearful of inducing brain fag on the part of our esteemed readers, we shall print but one of the messages this month. Next month the correct translation will be given, and another code message presented to try out your gray matter:

U. S. ARMY FIELD MESSAGE

From: UJTTH
At: Iroquois 2 Hour: 7.50 A. M.
Date: Feb. 27 How Sent: Telephone
To: FBTOY H

VPTOD	YSJRP	QXVPL	ZKKSW	ESTXR
REBKK	ZCJQJ	QWOTZ	CJRSJ	EFZRY
XVPDP	BQWSW	QPRES	TZPBE	UHJVV
ZWSQR	JKWTP	OOZQX	PMUPF	UZQWB
XPBRW	BTZQX	JRRSF	ORSWX	STFJQ
TJZWM	BKKOJ	TRZVB	KJTEK	JRST

UJTTH

The code used is one of the simplest and one of the most useful ever devised. A code word is chosen, and given to those who ought to have it. This word may be changed as often as desired, daily, weekly or monthly. In this case the code word is ALFONTE, the name of the Divisional Signal Officer at the time. The 26 letters of the alphabet are arranged in two horizontal lines of 13 letters each, commencing with the code word, and subsequently omitting any letter which appears in the code word. This gives us the following:

A L F O N T E B C D G H I
J K M P Q R S U V W X Y Z

You will note that following the word ALFONTE, the other letters of the alphabet appear in their regular order, omitting in turn A-E-F-L-N-O-T, which have already appeared in the code word.

From this point on is clear sailing. The letter desired is represented in the code by the letter appearing either above or below it, as the case may be. For instance, the words, YANKEE DIVISION. Above Y is H, below A is J, below N is Q, etc. In this code the words YANKEE DIVISION would appear HJQLSS WZCZEZPQ. Further to mislead the enemy, and to make the code more difficult of translation, letters are arranged in groups of five, rather than by words. Thus we would have HJQLS SWZCZ EZPQ for YANKEE DIVISION. After the message is decoded it is simple enough to separate the words.

Go to it. Solution next month.

JINX

Last month, as announced, the printing of YANKEE DOINGS was put in the hands of a different printing concern. We might, if we felt so minded, heap upon the innocent head of the poor printer the blame for several errors which appeared. But they were not printer's errors. They were our own, and we hereby make humble apology.

In the first place, the contribution of Mrs. Corabelle G. Francis was dissected in such unfeeling manner that we had the spectators of the Legion Parade in Paris drinking a toast along the sidewalk.

Secondly, JIM CRESSWELL'S (M) column of K Company, 101st Infantry news appeared back end forwards, half of it appearing to be E Company items.

Then, we greatly exaggerated the death of Major WILLIAM H. HENNESSEY (101st F. A.) who, from all accounts is still alive.

About the time we discovered those three mistakes we commenced to go around the club with our fingers crossed. Next thing an unidentified woman reported in our absence that something was wrong in YANKEE DOINGS. Up to going to press we have discovered neither her grievance nor her identity.

We made up the dummy for last month's number on the day of the Legion dinner and installation of officers. But, and let this be well understood, we made it up *before* not after, the party.

LIKED THE NOVEMBER NUMBER

EDITOR OF YANKEE DOINGS:

The November number of DOINGS just arrived this morning and as I suppose the article by the editor captioned "To Our Esteemed Contributors" was of a personal nature, aimed at me, I have read it through and will get my sassy comments in the mail before the sun sets on this day. When one receives the paper on the 25th of the month, it is some stunt to get it all read and knocked and copy in by the 30th. Allowing 4 days for the mail to reach Boston, it gives me just one day to get in the dirty work.

The November issue was to my way of thinking a model number. It had no detailed accounts of dry ceremonies, senseless speeches (if not senseless, at least, stereotyped) or folderol that takes up space and nobody reads. It was all good. (I especially enjoyed my own stuff.)

I notice the editor remarks that "Every three years we become hard boiled." EVERY THREE YEARS! ! What's the matter with the other two? I thought DOINGS was hard boiled most of the time!

I would not eliminate anything in the November issue, all being concise and worthwhile, but I still think YANKEE DOINGS could, as a rule, be cut considerably without lessening its value. Of course it would be a different size each month according to the material, and altho several have voiced the patriotic opinion that it should be $2.00 a year how many of the silent ones would pay it? It's hard enough getting a lot of them to pay $1.00. It is worth some thought before such a decision is made.

While casting no reflections on the magazine of the American Legion it can hardly be called the chummy paper it began. It has developed to such an extent that it is now just like all the other magazines of the day. It has taken its place in a dignified way with the best. But DOINGS is more like a "Hello Buddie" and I hardly feel that many of us would want it to lose any of its present individuality.

If an article is written by John Jones we want to see John Jones's style, no matter how poorly written or ungrammatical. If it is a good story we want it just that way. It's the kind of foolishness we all like and if it ceases to be just all sorts it is apt to lose interest.

LYMAN B. COZZENS (M)
(Med. Det., 101st Engrs.)

Austin, Tex., November 25.

ANY SECONDS?

EDITOR OF YANKEE DOINGS:

I read with interest the letter in November DOINGS by WALTER G. LESSARD (M) (E Co., 103rd Inf.). What memories are revived by the mention of Vignot and those little *Villes* along the old Toul Sector. I hope Mr. Lessard will be persuaded to tell us more about the present day appearance of our old "Home Sector."

CHARLES QUINN (M)
(K Co., 103rd Inf.)

New York, N. Y., November 28.

A. P. O. NO. 709

We always thought all YD men were friends. Now we're not so sure. LEON F. DENIS (M) (Sup. Co., 104th Inf.) seeks to arouse our jealousy. From Juarez, Mexico, that oasis for him who thirsts, Leon sends us the wine list of "The Big Kid's Palace Bar and Cafe." We tremble lest the cohorts of the Anti-Saloon League find it in our possession. Alas, the old familiar names, White Horse, Haig and Haig, Johnnie Walker, Black and White, Canadian Club, Hennessy's Three Star, Gordon's Gin, Mumm's Champagne. Fine for a bird in El Paso, three hops and a jump from Juarez, but a low down trick on us, two thousand miles away.

A recent visitor to the Club was the Rev. JOHNSON A. HAINES (M) (C Batt., 101st F. A.), who is now minister of the First Congregational Church at Hinsdale, N. H. His church calendar for the week of November 20–27 is the first literature of its kind to find its way into YANKEE DOINGS file, and to be mentioned in these columns. It is attractively printed and reflects a live parish of 400 members. We hope that the Reverend "Johnny" will not feel outraged at having this notice in such close juxtaposition to the somewhat ribald paragraph which precedes it. Mr. Haines is Chaplain of YD Post, 290, A. L. He brought with him graphic stories and pictures of the flood, which, although it caused no great damage in Hinsdale, carried away eight houses and eight families in Cavendish, 40 miles north. The fraternal orders and churches in Hinsdale organized relief parties for the more badly affected towns, and our own parson played an active part in their good work.

Did you know that if all the butterflies in the world were placed side by side, there would be more caterpillars?

OUTBURSTS FROM THE OLD OUTFITS

G. W. Twombly
(Associate Editor)

101st INFANTRY ITEMS

JOE HUGHES (M. G. Co.) is an Adjuster of Claims for the Maryland Casualty Co., at 40 Broad Street, Boston.

"POP" DAVIS (M) (A Co.) is connected with Waterman's Undertaking Establishment in Roxbury.

"DICK" KINGSBURY (M) (K Co. and Sup. Co.) is the latest addition to the regimental bowling team which stands high in the YD League.

JACK O'MEARA (M) (H Co.) and more recently a Major in the new 101st Inf. M. N. G. was given a rousing send-off to his new position in Dallas, Texas, at the 101st Infantry Armory on East Newton Street, Boston.

—J. A. C. (M)

L COMPANY

L Company met November 17th at the University Club on Berkeley St., Boston. About 90 former members were present including "JERRY" HEALEY, former C. O. and now a member of the Massachusetts Legislature, HOWARD HERO, former top-kick, and EDDIE MACDONALD (M) former buck private in the rear ranks.

ARTHUR PRESTON was chairman of the Reunion Committee.

JOHN DENNIHAN (M) (102nd F. A.) sang a few Irish melodies which made a great hit.

A brazen "lady" from a neighboring night club reminded some of the boys of the YD Club of Lyons, France, in 1919.

JACK LAWLOR and "GINGER" ROONEY, company characters, were present and did their stuff. Another meeting will be held soon to complete the organization of a Company Veterans Association.

The absence of Lieutenant DUNBAR, killed at Chateau Thierry was felt keenly by all the boys.

EDWARD J. SLATTERY (M) (C Co.) is employed at the Suffolk County Court House in Pemberton Square.

—J. A. C. (M)

"H—ER COMP."

The members of "H—er Comp." noticed with great pleasure the new units of the old 101st Infantry who had space in the last issue of DOINGS and although we have managed to have an "H—er Comp." column for the past year and a half, we sometimes felt that we were alone and wondered where the rest of the 101st were. Now that other companies have got started we hope to see a goodly representation of the 101st Infantry each month in DOINGS.

The greatest banquet we have ever had was held at the Hotel Arlington on Armistice Eve, November 10th. We could not help thinking of how the gang had changed. Eight years ago this same affair would not have been a success to many unless they playfully tried out their marksmanship on some one with hard rolls or the remnants of grapefruit. In fact I remember the banquet held eight years ago where someone scored a bullseye on the back of my head with what might have been a roll, but felt like a rock.

To the comrades of "H—er Comp." we wish to thank you through this column for the grand success of our annual Memorial Services at Fall River this year and we can all get a certain amount of pleasure out of the thought that we helped to make the day the huge success it was. These services are described elsewhere in this issue.

We were sorry that TOMMY MAZZA was unable to be with us this year, but due to an automobile accident, Tommy was pretty much bunged up and was unable to be with us.

Six new members of the YD Club were gained during the drive from the roll of "H—er Comp." Our membership in the club is growing each year.

—E. H. C.

FLICKERS OF THE 104th

The following letter from JAMES W. W. ARMESON (M) (M. G. Co.) ought to bring forward at least one full squad of volunteers to keep the name of the old 104th in DOINGS every month. The editor has written to GEORGE ELLIOTT (M) (C Co.) who is now located near Worcester for news of the group in that part of the state. Who will cover Boston, Cambridge, Springfield, Holyoke, Pittsfield? Don't be bashful, step right up. Armeson writes:

"November DOINGS has arrived and the once lively Springfield Unit is still a dead issue. In fact there is no 104th column at all, and that is a h—— of a situation. I'M tempted to come back and see what it's all about. There are a lot of fellows up there that someone should grab and 'take apart to see what makes them go'—or rather what keeps them from going.

"They should go a long way off on a year's vacation to know what it means to get DOINGS month after month and be able to read news of every other outfit but their own.

"I guess JOE VAUGHN (M) (M. G. Co.) of Texas has become so disgusted that he has given up kicking.

"JOHNNY ROSS and JOE HINES (K Co.) are two that could see to it, and would if they would only give it a thought.

"But any of you could. Don't wait for someone to delegate you. Why doesn't 'C. A. H.' of Boston write about his gang any more, or GENE HAMILTON (M) (M. G. Co.)? GEORGE ELLIOTT (M) (C Co.) must be around and able to talk to these. FRANK SPOONER, 'NIGGER' NEIL, where'd they go? Or CHRIS O'NEIL?

"The 104th's place in the Memorial Fund should be bettered. The total makes it look as if they just needed pep.

"I am in favor of raising the dues $1.00 as you suggest and am also in favor of someone raising hell with some of those 104th fellers.

"I prefer the old cover design and agree with LYMAN COZZENS (M) (Med. Det., 101st Engrs.) in regard to speeches and other dry stuff."

JAMES W. ARMESON (M)
(M. G. Co., 104th Inf.)

Miami, Fla., November 26.

It will be noticed by the lack of the telltale (M) that quite a few of the prospective reporters nominated by Mr. Armeson are not even members. How come?

101st FIELD ARTILLERY

BATTERY A

WHITELAW "BEDSLATS" WRIGHT played end on the Battery team Thanksgiving Day. Up to date he is the only veteran we know of who is still at large.

MARTIN JOYCE, now a member of the State Constabulary, was the officer who warned the people of the town of Becket, the night the dam went out in the big flood.

PAT O'NEIL who served as a Veterinary Sergeant in the old 101st F. A. is back in the new Battery A. Pat must like the stables.

—B. J. (M)

102nd FIELD ARTILLERY

Information has been received from Captain LAWRENCE B. PAGE (M) relative to three matters which should prove of interest to all former veterans of the 102d Field Artillery.

History

He first speaks of the 102d F. A. History which has recently been published and which covers in authentic detail the activities of the regiment from its inception to demobilization. In addition to an interesting narrative of the performances of the regiment the book contains numerous maps covering all sectors and on which the various battery positions are noted. The History contains also a picture of the regiment taken at Camp Devens just prior to their discharge and numerous small photographs which will vividly recall various instances of war service. In the appendix is a copy of all citations and a record of decorations, as well as a roster, alphabetically arranged. This roster was obtained from the War Department and is supposed to contain the name of every man who served with the 102d F. A. The roster indicates by symbol those which were casualties or killed, and also those which were decorated or cited. It has taken a number of years to collect all the necessary data for the compilation of this History, and while the book sells at $5.00 it will be priceless to 102d F. A. veterans in years to come. The edition is limited and the price cannot be held open for an indefinite period. Veterans who desire to own this History should, therefore, make application for their copy without delay. Applications will be received by Captain LAWRENCE B. PAGE (M), 40 Broad Street, Boston, or Captain JOHN SIMPKINS (M), 111 Devonshire Street, Boston, or orders can be sent direct to the publishers, Lawrence Press, 797 Beacon Street, Boston. Check or money order must accompany each application.

Re-Union

Numerous inquiries have been received as to why the 102d F. A. veterans did not hold their customary annual reunion this fall. According to Captain Page, it was decided to try holding the regimental reunion in the Spring, to receive the benefit of daylight saving, and this seemed a good year to try the plan out. The 1927 reunion has consequently been set ahead to sometime in May or June, 1928, time and place to be announced later. It was also felt that the 1928 reunion was deserving of extra special effort on the part of the Reunion Committee, as it would celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of the regiment's active war service in France. Veterans of this regiment can, accordingly, look forward to the 1928 reunion as something worth waiting for. The success of any reunion, of course, depends upon the enthusiasm of the veterans and their attendance, so make up your mind now that you will come to the Tenth Reunion and do your part in making it a huge success.

Memorial

The following circular letter has been sent out to all former officers of the 102d F. A. by Captain Page, who states that he would like to send a similar communication to every former enlisted man in the regiment, but that this would entail too much expense, and also an accurate roster is not available. He proposes to appoint a committee for each Battery Veterans' Association, and would be glad to appear before these battery associations at their next meeting to talk on this subject and to present other matters of interest to the veterans. His circular letter is as follows, and it is hoped that every veteran who reads this article will respond at once to the barrage call:

"By far the most worth-while mission undertaken by the Yankee Division since the World War has for its objective a suitable Memorial to commemorate the deeds of the Division, and as a lasting tribute to our comrades who made the supreme sacrifice. It is proposed to raise the money necessary to carry out this project entirely through donations by those who served with the Division and without any outside aid.

"Under separate cover is being mailed to you a booklet which sets forth in detail the nature of our objective, and a circular letter from our former brigade commander, John H. Sherburne, emphasizing the importance of immediate and generous action on your part. From this circular it will be noted that the 102d Field Artillery have only contributed 33 per cent of their quota.

"In the War this regiment never had the reputation of firing short, but it does appear in connection with this YD Memorial Drive that we are not only short of our quota, but will continue to be so unless a correction in firing data is made. Former 102d Field Artillery veterans must accordingly regard this

appeal for subscriptions in the nature of a six-star white rocket calling for immediate and generous expenditure of financial ammunition. Won't you, therefore, figure out how many rounds you can fire and then respond promptly to this barrage call. Incidentally, in figuring your data apply the weather corrections and then add something as a safety factor. If you have already fired once, then 'REPEAT IF POSSIBLE'."

102nd M. G. BATTALION

COMPANY A

We recently had the pleasure of presenting a picture, taken last Memorial Day, of the grave of CLAUDE MIEUSSET to his mother. Claude died in Neufchateau, November 1917, of pneumonia and is the only member of Company A who is buried in the largest of American cemeteries in France—Romagne-sous-Montfaucon.

GEORGE KENNETH FISH has returned from Taunton and now resides in Quincy. He serves the Claim Dept. of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., South Station.

Enfield, Massachusetts, is to be no more—at least will serve as the bottom of a huge reservoir, so W. ARTHUR PERRINS has shouldered his hoe and other farming implements and migrated to Westboro.

The lineal descendant of our old wartime Company A is Troop A, 110th Regiment Cavalry, Mass. National Guard, last known to be Captained by ARTHUR W. SMITH of Lynn.

"KING" BRADY is married! Hereafter the fortunate lady will be known as the wife of the well known East Boston dentist, Dr. Edward G. Brady.

The Arlington Street Office of the National Shawmut Bank claims MALCOLM C. EATON as a Teller. Pete lives out in Reading.

We visited HARRY RODD (M) and his forty thousand men. Before they could snap to attention, he signalled "At ease, men." Seriously, we're proud of Harry's accomplishments and wish him greater successes.

GUY BEAN (M) as did MATTY BOYLE, (M) BILL CAMERON, (M) LONGEY, (M) LONGARINI (M) and NICK NICHOLLS (M) came across with 125 francs (present exchange) each for resident membership in the YD Club in answer to the appeal of the "A" Committee, GEORGE BENTLEY (M), BUCK FREEMAN (M) and ART HAVLIN (M).

We congratulate WALTER J. DENNIS (M) on his continued membership. He apparently prides himself on being a YD man though through no fault of his own he was sent away from us back in the Neufchateau days. Slap us on the back, old man, at the next YD meeting if we don't recognize you!—or get Bill SnYDer to point us out.

JOHN SANBORN (M) is out scalping for the balance to make our Battalion Fund for the 26th Division Memorial the first to reach the objective. Don't wait for him to discover you gold brickin'; send a check or P. O. order to Mister Ralph Eastman, YD Club, Boston.

—A. C. H. (M)

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SENATOR GASPAR G. BACON

101st MILITARY POLICE

Capt. JOHN DEE (M) (B Co.), Concord, Mass. has several copies of his history on the two Police Units of the 26th Division on hand and would like those wishing same to get in touch with him. It is a very neat volume and sports a number of fine illustrations, and also tells of the soft life the M. P's led on some of the cross-roads and patrols thru forest and village.

WALTER L. TABER (A Co.), has hung out his shingle over on Federal St., and announces to the world that he is in the stationery business and is to be known under the firm name of W. L. TABER & CO. Walter, we all wish you well in your new undertaking.

Remember the first Thanksgiving and Christmas in and around Neufchateau? Turkey and all the fixins. Old Uncle Sam sure did his utmost to give us all a real old New England time. I was one of many that was put on the "turkey" detail down at the Neufchateau railroad yards and saw every box of birds opened and allotted out to the various outfits. This was all done under the supervision of Captains O. G. LAGERQUIST and H. H. WHEELOCK (M). Capt. Lagerquist remarked at the time that they were as fine a looking lot of birds as he had ever seen, and I guess they must have been the way the Supply Sergeants grabbed them off. Take it all in all the outfits fared pretty well on those two days. Another American outfit not to be out-done for its Thanksgiving dinner that year was the 27th Infantry U. S. A. (L Co.), stationed at Verkne-Udinsk, Siberia. These bozos had pheasants for "luncheon" that day. The birds were shot in Manchuria by the Chinks and shipped to this outfit in Russia, not half bad. The Company nut was caught in the officers latrine roasting a chicken over a blow-torch. He is now in a padded cell.

The funeral of Capt. GEORGE O. PARKER (A Co.), took place Tuesday, November the 15th at the home of his sister, Mrs. Mell C. Brown, Prospect Street, Framingham, at 2:30 P.M. Full military honors were accorded Capt. Parker in recognition of his long military record, by members of the veteran organizations. The services were conducted by Rev. Theodore B. Lathrop in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends, also delegations from Co. E, Veterans Association (6th Mass., M.V.M.) James J. McGrath Post A.L. and Sergt. Wm. E. Walters Camp, Spanish War Veterans. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Wellesley. The Captain had been making his home in Los Angeles, Calif. for the past two or three years and died very suddenly in that city last week. He leaves a widow and son in Framingham.

—R. C. PLANT (M)

101st AMMUNITION TRAIN

"PEG" SHEPARD (M) (F Co., 101st Amm. Tr.) writes in from Montpelier, as follows:

"The stage was all set for one grand party for the 101st Ammunition Train Reunion at Montpelier on November 11, when old Jupe Pluvius came along with his downpour on the 3rd and wrecked the place —in fact about all of Vermont. No doubt all the Massachusetts members of the old Ammunition Train know by now that the flood which hit Montpelier was the worst calamity that ever hit here in history.

"As a large per cent of the former members of BILL KEVILLE'S traveling circus were Vermont men, a get-together meeting was held in the middle of October and it was decided to have the reunion here Armistice Day and to form a real permanent organization. Plans had been made to have General EDWARDS (M) and Colonel KEVILLE (M) here at a big banquet with "all the fixin's." We believe that each and every former member has been notified, but as mentioned before, the old burg here is wrecked. Many of the old gang have lost their homes and places of business, but nevertheless we are all digging ourselves out of the mud and muck and hope soon to stage the party. Everyone will have ample notification so no excuses will be accepted."

ENGINEER ENTRIES

CAPERS OF C

AL BALLARD has left his employ at Malden having gone with the Employer's Liability where he holds down the important job of their budget division, which, we understand, he manages.

LYNDELL (M) has added himself to the ranks of one of the Club bowling teams. Al can be seen in action every Friday night at the Club alleys.

Once again we can appreciate the number of former C Company men who have joined the Club during the drive. Most of these are credited to CARTER (M) who has been doing what we can call earnest hustling, outshining his last year's work.

Rumors are current there will soon be a second C Company letter in the mails, as soon as LINDLEY BOND (M) can get away from his bank magazine, of which he is editor, long enough to assemble the names.

The many requests for names of YD Club members will likely appear in next issue after the present drive.

GEORGE MORISON was doing the State of Vermont prior to the flood, escaping by a hair. George could look back and see the results of the great deluge.

The full quota of our Company have reason to feel proud of an Armistice Day gift in the form of Judith Munroe, born to BILL (M) and Mrs. MUNROE about 12.00 at night on November 10th.

Over in Watertown a similar incident took place last October 23 at MAL SMITH'S (M) house. The young lady's name is Alice Elizabeth. Mal and Mrs. Smith have reason to feel elated over the event.

PETE MCGARVEY (M) showed up the other evening to check himself in at the club for another whole year. He is bigger than ever and still wears the Paris smile. Someday we will know why.

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DELGROSSO paid a long delayed visit, this time to try and stay in Boston. Del looks good and inquired of all the gang. An Engineer history was in his grip on the way out of the Club.

BILL HARRIS (M) spent a night at the Club recently and joined the circle which was in the process of stories being told. Bill held the floor nicely.

—C. W. Z. (M)

ECHOES OF E

JIM MACCONNELL was married in September. Congratulations and best wishes!

GEORGE DORMAN has formed the firm of Peare and Dorman, architects, with headquarters at 6 Beacon St., Boston. George's miscellaneous training with the Engineers, undoubtedly is standing him in good stead as he progresses up the building ladder.

PHIL COMSTOCK (M) who is a Vice President of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. of New England is living in Springfield now and is in charge of that district for his Company. He joined the YD Club recently, as did ARBIE THOMANN (M), SIG HEIDEN (M), ORVILLE CASELEY (M) and several other "E" men. Here's a list of the men from our old Company who were at the October smoker at the Club, and maybe we've missed a few at that: HARRY SPROUL, TOMMY WATSON, FRED CAMPBELL, JAKE STAHL, JOHNNY PRIESTLEY, RUSS FRANCIS, BUZZ REHILL, PHIL TARR, HUGHIE ROBERTS and DANNY LAMONT, all members, of course.

CHARLIE DODGE (M) was in New York in August and saw HANK DROWN (M). FRED MCCLEMENT is teaching school in HANK'S town—Montclair, N. J. How's that for a turn of Fate's wheel?

ALBERT H. THOMANN (M) (better known as ARBIE) is Treasurer of the Thomann Bronze & Brass Foundry. Inc., Medford, Mass., and reports himself as busy. He expects to take in the YD smokers from now on and let us enjoy his flow of wit, aged in the foundry at Medford. He didn't say that, we did.

This is our last appearance before Christmas so we'll wish you a very merry one and feel sure that all of us will have a few thoughts of the two Christmases we spent in France. Those days weren't so bad in spots and it's because we have such memories that it seems worth while to keep the old ECHOES going.

—R. M. E. (M).

FANCIES OF F

One more casualty in the thinning bachelor ranks. This time it is our former Horse-shoer and Mess Sergeant, S. GLEASON ALLEN (M). Gleason was married on November 15 to Miss Martha L. CaThell of Maryland. They spent the greater part of their honeymoon at Chinentigne, Virginia, where they report the duck shooting as wonderful. Mr. and Mrs. Allen will make their home in Wollaston, Mass.

The following is a complete list of the F Company men who joined the YD Club during the recent drive. The (M) after each name is omitted to save space: SPRAGUE, NEWCOMBE, KEEGAN, FREDERICKS, SHELDON, HENDERSON, HANSON, ALSEN, LINDGREN, CHRISTIE, KENNA, KINAHAN, JONES, BARCLAY, JOHNSON (DICK), SMITH (E. C.), HUNTER, FITCH, SAWYER, KILMAIN, GARLAND, MACPHERSON (GEORGE), CARBEE, PARKER (ABE). This

brings our total up to 70; more than any other Company in the Division. Figuring the strength of the Division as 30,000 men, if all units were represented in the Club in the same proportion as F Company, 101st Engineers, the membership of the Club would be 8,400. Talk about sticking together! Come around to the smokers this winter. You're sure to meet 25 or 30 of the boys.

Anyone knowing the billet of Mr. A. V. DAY (M) can make a fortune by raffling said information off to the highest bidder. "Where you living now, Al?" is coming to be as famous a question as, "Who won the war?" used to be. And the answers up to date have been just about as satisfactory.

Mr. and Mrs. PHIL PALMSTROM (M) temporarily parked the three junior Palmstroms and hied themselves to Gotham to take in the annual melee between West Point and Annapolis. We heard the game over the air, and couldn't help thinking: Today the ivy-crowned hero of the multitude, next year a shavetail. What a fall is there, oh, my countrymen.

Met a long lost comrade the other day on Court Street, ERNEST TREMONT. Not much for a news item, but at least he is still above ground.

If you are introduced to a Mr. Louis Marshall, and his face seems familiar to you, the chances are that it is our old side-kick MOSUREK. He is not traveling under an alias, but the family has had the name changed.

LEW FLANDERS is at home again following his long siege in hospitals. F Company surely hopes for Lew's sake that the worst of his troubles are over, and that the future holds a lot of good times in store.

There's a fellow out in San Diego, California, named ED DANIEL (M) who thinks so much of the YD Club that he sends in his extra two dollars every year just to retain his membership. One dollar to the Y. D. V. A. brings him YANKEE DOINGS. The other two dollars bring him nothing, but he sticks along year after year.

—P. N. S. (M)

CONGRATULATIONS

ANTHONY TETA (M) (Band, 102nd Inf.) was married in Paris, France, to Miss Inez Brayer, during the recent Legion pilgrimage. Mr. and Mrs. Teta first met ten years ago during the war, and have been corresponding since. A more elaborate wedding will take place in New Haven at which the many local friends of the bridegroom will have an opportunity to offer felicitations.

JOHN H. ELLIS (M) (Hdqtrs. Co., 101st F. A.) was married on October 15, to Miss Constance F. Turner of Chestnut Hill, Mass.

S. GLEASON ALLEN (M) (F Co., 101st Engrs.) was married on November 15, to Miss Martha L. CaThell of Maryland.

LADIES AUXILIARY, YD POST, 290

A penny sale was held at the home of Mrs. Lyndell, Bay State Ave., Somerville, on Tuesday night, November 15, which was attended by a large gathering of the ladies from the Unit and their friends. A very pleasant evening was spent by all and some $30 was gained for the treasury. Many very pretty and useful articles were offered for sale.

Refreshments were served after the sale.

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YD AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary held a food sale in November which netted about forty dollars, also a penny sale, the proceeds from which were fifteen dollars. A very pleasant time was had by all at both of these affairs.

We were very sorry to lose one of our members, Mrs. Catherine Hartey, who passed away last summer. At this time we should like to extend our sympathy to her family in their bereavement.

A meeting of the Executive Board was held on December 9.

The regular business meeting was held on Wednesday, December 14, at 8:00 P.M.

The Hospital Committee has been making its regular visits once a month and at Thanksgiving, and is making plans to cheer the boys at Christmas.

—E. M. S.

He says: "Which is the larger, a kitten or a kat?"

She says: "A kitten. It takes two kats to make one kitten, but it only takes one kitten to make a kat."

Tourist (to Swede farmer): "Have you a monkey wrench here?"

Farmer: "Naw. My brother bane gat a cattle rench over there, my uncle got a sheep rench down there, but too damn cold here for monkey rench."

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EDITOR OF YANKEE DOINGS:

Here we are nestled among the foothills of the Berkshires and dogging along slowly but surely as we did in Liffol-le-Grand. Danbury (Conn.) Post, American Legion, has just elected F. CLYDE LEE (A Co., 102nd Inf.) Commander for the next year by a large majority. There are four YD men in our Post and we surely were happy in having one of our own up for the highest office. We are all behind Lee from A to Z.

WILLIAM "CALAMITY" MURPHY (102nd Inf.) was there boosting for Lee, while the remaining two YD boys attended the polls.

JOE ROACH (102nd Inf.) lives in Ridgefield and has had a hard time lately with an attack of pleurisy. However he is now on the speedy road toward being a well man again.

DICK BARLOW (M) (102nd Amb. Co.) is still in Bridgeport attending to the many calls of the Humane Society.

"JERRY" NORTHRUP is still selling stamps for Uncle Sam up in Milford while "RED" WORLEY is top kick for his father who owns the New Milford Times.

"HAND GRENADE MIKE" KELLER attends to the poles of the N. E. Telephone Co. in Bridgeport, while yours truly attends to the physical needs of the school pupils of Danbury.

So long for the time being.

W. P. ADAMS (M)
(102nd Amb. Co.)

Danbury, Conn.
November 14.

YD POST NO. 290, A. L.

Our reporter who covered the "bon voyage" party to "UNC" WOOD (M) on September 1 has come in for a certain amount of good-natured criticism for the statement that the Post "threw" a party. The statement was made that there is a decided difference between holding a party and throwing one, and that that one was decidedly thrown.

On November 5, the Post held a party at the Hotel Arlington, combining the annual installation of officers with a reception to the returned pilgrims of the Second A. E. F.

WILLIAM MCGINNIS (M) (102nd F. A.) Past Commander, Department of Massachusetts, A. L., acted as installing officer, taking the gavel from retiring Commander Wood and turning it over to the new Post Commander, ALBERT W. BARNARD (M) (101st Inf.) with appropriate ceremonies. The other officers were then installed in their turn.

Brief speeches were made by Comrades McGinnis, Wood, and Barnard. A fine dinner was served by the hotel, and the balance of the evening was spent in merrymaking.

Our distinguished JIMMY LYNCH (M) (101st Sig. Corps) well disguised in a facial hair mattress, an evening costume, an iron cross and an accent, eulogized the prowess of Deutschland uber Alles to the unbounded glee of the multitude. Each statement in praise of Germany or in execration of the Allies brought forth tumultuous cheers,—which might have been different if the hoax hadn't leaked out beforehand. As it was, it provided good entertainment.

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PORTLAND PARAGRAPHS

As I sat at the table enjoying my Thanksgiving dinner my mind wandered back to that cold dismal Thanksgiving Day of 1917. The thought came to me—Where are all of that happy-go-lucky crowd who sat down to dinner that day? Of course some of them "Went West" but many came back. I wonder if they thought of that day ten years gone? There were BROWN, CALL, BABINEAU and several others who died in the Wheat Field, but others "carried on." Are they still doing so today? We hope so.

A most pleasing thing to Maine vets was the action of Col. KEVILLE (M) in sending a telegram to the Governor of Maine as well as a copy to the State Vice-President, GEORGE W. MORRELL (M) offering aid to the people of the flood regions. That is a wonderful example of the comradeship which exists in the different branches of the Association.

The State Vice-President, GEORGE W. MORRELL is doing great work in the interests of the Association in this state. He has representatives in different localities where there are YD men, who are all enthused with the spirit of the old YD and are in hopes to make returns to the Association in the near future. Any person desiring information concerning the YD Memorial, Y.D.V.A. or the 103rd Memorial Fund write to GEORGE W. MORRELL, 775A Sawyer Street, South Portland.

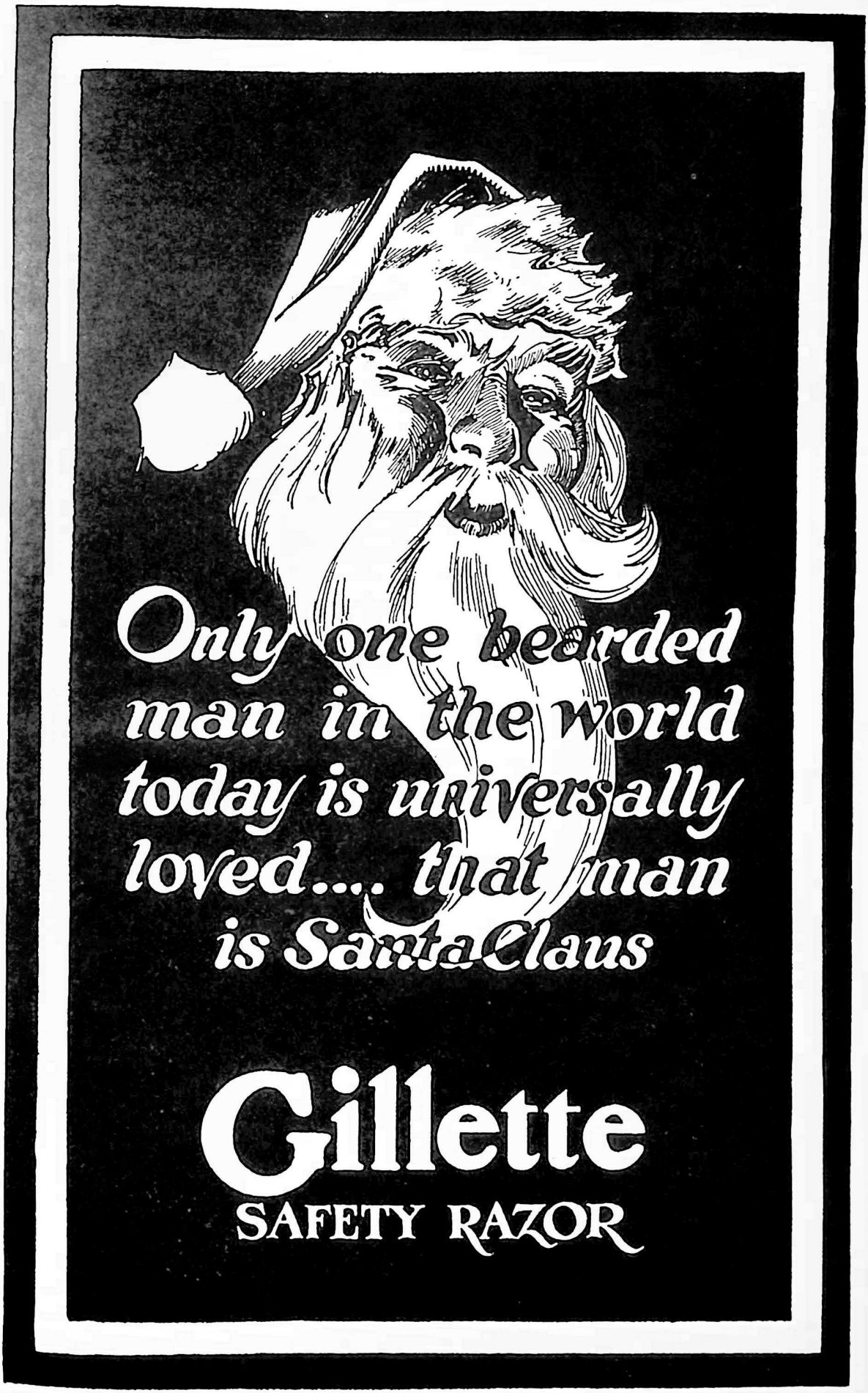
Members of the club who belong to the 103rd Infantry, M. N. G. are looking forward to their next tour of duty, which we understand is to be at Camp Devens. The last time we were there we wore the YD on our shoulder. Now we have some trick device that somebody gleaned from Alice in Wonderland and are a part of the 43rd Division. Who ever heard of that! Ah, woe is our lot! But we will tell the world that the 103rd today is some outfit and the Howitzer Company is more than that. Good officers and good cooks. What more can a man want?

JESS MOODY (M) who belongs to the Howitzer Co. of the 103rd Inf. qualified as expert with the pistol last Sunday at the State range at Auburn. "Pretty good, Jess." It happens to be the first time he had fired since the war.

The YD Club of Portland was out in force Armistice Day. There is a Veterans Drum Corps here and many of the Club are very active in it. GEORGE W. MORRELL said he had been eating lots of drum sticks (chicken) so he would be able to drum and we'll say he can.

What about the Verdun medals? "Minnie La Tour" would like one. Will she get it?

—"MINNIE LA TOUR" (M)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